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The Honorable John Spellman
Governor
State of Washington
Capital Building
Olympia, Washington
98504

Dear Governor Spellman:

Every year at about this time the National Congress of American Indians convenes its Annual Convention. This year, delegates from member tribes throughout the nation will conduct the Convention in Bismark, North Dakota on September 26th to October 1st.

One of the key agenda items tribal delegates will consider is the important matter of Tribal/State Relations. Mr. Randy Scott, your Special Assistant for Indian Affairs, has been a major contributor to this discussion for the last three years. Because of the importance of this issue, and because of Mr. Scott's contributions on the subject, I am writing to you personally to request that he be permitted to participate in our Convention, and particularly on our panel for Tribal/State Relations. While I realize that finances are difficult for the State of Washington, I would like to request that your Office make a special effort to get Randy to Bismark, North Dakota by September 26th.

Of all of the States in the Union, Washington State has, perhaps, made some of the most significant contributions to improving Tribal/State Relations. I urgently request that Mr. Scott participate in our deliberations. Please inform my office at the Quinault Nation (206/276/8211) no later than Thursday, 23, September of your decision.

Thank you, in advance, for your assistance.

Yours very sincerely,



JOSEPH DE LA CRUZ
President